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March 16, 2000

Ms. Donna Caton Chief Clerk Illinois Commerce Commission 527 East Capitol Avenue P.O. Box 19280 Springfield, IL 62794-9280

RE: Docket No. 00-0199

Dear Ms. Caton:

Enclosed please find one original and two copies of the "Certificate of Publication" certifying that WPS Energy Services, Inc. provided legal notice of its application to the Illinois Commerce Commission for a Certificate of Service Authority under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act.

Please note the legal notice appeared within ten days of the application and the proof of publication is received within 15 days of the application to the Illinois Commerce Commission as required by Section 451.30(a) of the Commission's rule.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Director, Marketing

Certificate Of Publication

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STATE OF ILLINOIS)

, WPS ENERGY SERVICES INCORPOR Madison County) ss.

EDWARDSVILLE PUBLISHING Co., Inc., a corporation, does hereby certify that it is the publisher of the Edwardsville Intelligencer, a daily secular newspaper of general circulation in said County, printed and published in the City of Edwardsville, in said County and State, and that said newspaper is a newspaper as defined in "An Act to revise the law in relation to notices," approved February 13, 1874, as amended, and that the printed notice hereto annexed and hereby made a part of this certificate has been published in said newspaper at least once each week for

1 times in each and every copy and impression thereof; that the date of the first newspaper containing said publication was

March 10 A.D. 2000, and that the date of the last newspaper containing said publication was March 10 A.D. 2000; and that Sara Crook by resolution of the Board of Directors of said Edwardsville Intelligencer, Inc., has been authorized to make this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF said Edwardsville Intelligencer, Inc., has caused this certificate to be executed in its name by said Sara Crook this 13th day of March A.D. 2000.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that WPS Energy Services, Inc. filed an application with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") to be certified as an Alternative Retail Electric Supplier ("ARES"). On March 2 2000, WPS Energy Services, Inc. submitted its completed Illinois Application for Certificate of Service Authority under Section 16-115 of the Public Utilities Act. WPS Energy Services, Inc. seeks the opportunity to provide power and energy to all non-residential customers within the state of Illinois with a maximum demand of 1 MW or more. The ICC has assigned this request docket number 00-0199. Questions concerning this application should be directed to:

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